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REF A. COMNAVINTCOM 230230Z NOV 74 (NOTAL)
B. COMNAVINTCOM 031910Z DEC 74 (NOTAL)
C. CINCUSNAVEUR 041406Z DEC 74 (NOTAL)

1. REFTELS PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITY OF SEISMIC SURVEY SHIP "SEISMIC EXPLORER" IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA. REFERENCE C STATES THAT OPERATIONS THIS SHIP IN "POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS" ARE CONTINUING AS INDICATED INTER ALIA BY INTENT TO OPERATE IN ADRIATIC AND GULF OF VENICE AREA. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (ATHENS 8366 AND 8272) EMBASSY PARTICULARLY CONCERNED IF SHIP HAS FUTURE PLANS TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN AREA OF CYPRUS OR THAT PORTION EASTERN AEGEAN CONTESTED BY BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY RELEVANT TO OIL EXPLORATION/CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONTACT AN-CAR CORPORATION BOSTON AND/OR SEISMIC EXPLORATIONS COMPANY, HOUSTON, TEXAS TO DETERMINE IF ACTIVITIES PLANNED IN EITHER THESE AREAS BY EITHER "SEISMIC EXPLORER" OR ITS SISTER SHIP "SEISMIC SURVEYOR". SENSITIVITY GREEK/

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TURKISH RELATIONS ALREADY ESPECIALLY ACUTE WITH RETURN

MAKARIOS TO CYPRUS AND EMBASSY NEEDS TO BE ALERTED AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE TO ANY OTHER OCCURRENCES WHICH COULD FURTHER
EXACERBATE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT ARRANGE SECURE COPIES
REFTELS A THROUGH C. DAO THROUGH ITS CHANNELS WILL
REQUEST ORIGINATORS TO ADD BOTH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY
ATHENS AS INFO ADDRESSEES TO FUTURE MESSAGES THIS TOPIC.
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